

**STATEMENT OF LEGAL AUTHORITY
FOR THE CITY OF ELK GROVE
TO IMPLEMENT AND ENFORCE STORMWATER PERMIT
REQUIREMENTS**

This document shall serve as written certification to the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board that the City of Elk Grove has adequate legal authority to implement and enforce each of the requirements contained in 40 CFR 122.26(d)(2)(i)(A-F), as well as those requirements specified in the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. CAS082597, Order No. R5-2008-0142 ("Permit"). Provision 6 of the NPDES Permit states:

Each Permittee shall provide to the Executive Officer a statement certified by its chief legal counsel that it has adequate legal authority to implement and enforce each of the requirements contained in 40 CFR 122.26(d)(2)(i)(A-F) and this Order, including any modifications thereto in effect when the certified statement is provided. This statement shall be included in Permittees' revised SQIP(s), which shall describe the following:

- a. Citation of urban runoff related ordinances adopted by the Permittees and the reasons they are enforceable;
- b. Progressive enforcement policy and how it will be effectively implemented;
- c. Identification of the local administrative and legal procedures available to mandate compliance with urban runoff related ordinances and therefore with the conditions of this Order;
- d. Description of how these ordinances are implemented and how enforcement actions under these ordinances may be appealed;
- e. Description of whether the municipality can issue administrative orders and injunctions or if it must go through the court system for enforcement actions; and
- f. Description of the Permittee's stormwater management structure. There might be different departments that are to develop, implement, and enforce various components of the program. Summarize how the various departments communicate and coordinate activities.

General Statement of Adequate Legal Authority

The City of Elk Grove had adequate legal authority to implement and enforce each of the requirements contained in 40 CFR 122.26(d)(2)(i)(A-F), as well as those requirements specified in the NPDES Permit.

Provision 6(a). Urban Runoff Related Ordinances.

The stormwater related ordinances adopted by the City of Elk Grove are generally contained in Chapter 15.12, "Stormwater Management and Discharge Control," of the

Elk Grove City Code. Certain ordinances relating to the management and control of stormwater discharges from construction and grading activities are contained in Chapter 16.44, "Land Grading and Erosion Control," of the Elk Grove City Code. These ordinances are enforceable by the City of Elk Grove pursuant to the authority granted under Article XI, Section 7 of the California Constitution. The ordinances were adopted in order to protect and promote public health, safety and general welfare, and the ordinances are not in conflict with general laws.

Provision 6(b). Progressive Enforcement Policy.

The City of Elk Grove, pursuant to its authority, has adopted procedures, standards, sanctions/fines and remedies for the enforcement of the Elk Grove Municipal Code. These may be found in Title 1, Chapters 1.04-1.12.

On or around March 17, 2004, the City entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the County of Sacramento, Environmental Management Department (EMD), to track, inspect and insure compliance of the City's commercial and industrial facilities per California Regional Water Quality Control Board NO. R5-2002-0206. Chapter 15.12 of the City of Elk Grove Municipal Code was amended by Ordinance 26-2004 on August 18, 2004; which provided the County of Sacramento, Environmental Management Department, the necessary authority to conduct inspections and enforcement activities pursuant to the Agreement between the City and County dated March 17, 2004.

In addition to the City ordinances, the County has a progressive enforcement policy for this portion of the City's compliance, which is founded in the County's stormwater ordinance, and those ordinances of the Permittees, including the City of Elk Grove's stormwater ordinance. Enforcement of the City of Elk Grove provisions is conducted by the City of Elk Grove.

Provision 6(c). Compliance Procedures.

The applicable administrative and legal procedures are contained in Chapter 15.12 and Chapter 16.44 of the Elk Grove City Code. Article 2 of Chapter 15.12 of the Elk Grove City Code lists the general prohibitions against discharges to the stormwater system, and against illegal connections to the stormwater system. Article 3 of Chapter 15.12 provides for the containment and notification of discharges to the City's stormwater conveyance system, as well as the adoption of Best Management Practices ("BMPs") in order to minimize discharges to the stormwater system. Article 4 provides for inspection and monitoring of discharges to the stormwater system. Article 5 provides for enforcement of the stormwater discharge regulations by the City. Chapter 16.44 requires City-approved permits for construction and grading activities.

Provision 6 (d). Implementation and Appeals.

The provisions of Chapter 15.12 and Chapter 16.44 are implemented by the Administrator of the City of Elk Grove's Department of Public Works, and his order of designees. (See EGCC 15.12.080.) The Administrator conducts any necessary inspections, develops necessary regulations, and determines when to seek administrative, civil or criminal penalties. Section 16.44.300 provides for appeals of grading permit conditions. Enforcement actions under Chapter 15.1 2 may be appealed under the process set forth in Section 15.12.440. In general, persons may request an administrative hearing before a hearing officer appointed by the City Council. At the hearing, the Administrator appears on behalf of the City, and the City bears the burden to support any enforcement action by a preponderance of the evidence. Each party has the right to present testimony and other evidence as necessary for the appropriate presentation of the case. If necessary, the challenging party may appeal the decision of the administrative hearing officer pursuant to the provisions of the Code of Civil Procedure sections 1094.5 and 1094.6.

Provision 6(e). Administrative Orders and Injunctions.

Under the stormwater ordinances, the City can issue various types of administrative orders, including cease and desist orders. The City is not required to go through the court system for enforcement actions, but Chapter 15.12, at Sections 15.12.400-480, provides that the City may pursue enforcement actions through the court system.

Provision 6(f). Stormwater Management Structure.

The City of Elk Grove Stormwater Management Program resides within the Department of Public Works. The Director of Public Works is the designated administrator of the Order who is responsible for overseeing the program and certifying all compliance deliverables. The City has staff in various departments to conduct the management, engineering, planning, and maintenance activities required by the Stormwater Permit. A detailed description of the City's program organization and staffing is included in Section 6.2-Program Management, of the 2009 Stormwater Quality Improvement Plan (SQIP).

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the foregoing is true and correct:

Date: _____



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Article 1 General Provisions

15.12.010 FINDINGS. a. The Federal Clean Water Act provides for the regulation and reduction of pollutants discharged into the waters of the United States by extending National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System requirements to stormwater and urban runoff discharge into the City stormwater conveyance system.

b. Stormwater flows from individual properties to the City stormwater conveyance system and then ultimately to the waters of the United States.

c. The City is a co-permittee under the Waste Discharge Requirements for County of Sacramento, cities of Sacramento, Folsom, Citrus Heights, Elk Grove, Rancho Cordova, and Galt Area-Wide Storm Water Discharges From Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems, which also serves as a NPDES Permit under the Federal Clean Water Act (NPDES No. CA0082597). As a co-permittee, the City is required to possess the necessary legal authority, and to implement appropriate procedures, to regulate the entry of pollutants and non-stormwater discharges into the City stormwater conveyance system.

d. The Municipal Storm Water Permit requires the City too effectively prohibit non-stormwater discharges into the City stormwater conveyance system except as otherwise permitted by Federal law.

e. The City Council finds in this regard that the provisions of this Chapter are necessary to provide the City with the legal authority necessary to implement and otherwise comply with the requirements of its Municipal Storm Water Permit.

15.12.020 PURPOSE AND INTENT. a. This Chapter is adopted pursuant to Article XI, Section 7 of the California Constitution which authorizes the City to exercise its police power to protect and promote the public health, safety and general welfare. While stormwater runoff is one step in the natural cycle of water, human activities, including, but not limited to, agriculture, construction, manufacturing and the operation of an urban infrastructure, may result in undesirable discharges of pollutants and certain sediments. Such discharges may accumulate in local drainage channels and waterways and eventually may be deposited in the waters of the United States. The purpose of this Chapter is to protect and enhance the water quality of watercourses, water bodies and wetlands within the unincorporated area of the City in a manner consistent with the

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Federal Clean Water Act, the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act and Municipal Discharge Permit #CA0082597 by controlling the contribution of urban pollutants to stormwater runoff which enters the City stormwater conveyance system.

b. It is the intent of the City Council in adopting this Chapter to provide the City with the legal authority to accomplish the following goals:

1. To reduce the discharge of pollutants in stormwater to the maximum extent practicable;
2. To effectively prohibit non-stormwater discharges into the City stormwater conveyance system;
3. To comply with the requirements of the Federal Clean Water Act, the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act and NPDES Municipal Storm Water Discharge Permit #CA0082597 as they apply to the discharge of pollutants into and from the City stormwater conveyance system;
4. To fully implement the Comprehensive Stormwater Management Program as approved by the Regional Board;
5. To protect the physical integrity and function of the City stormwater conveyance system from the effects of pollutants and materials other than stormwater;
6. To prevent the contamination of groundwater as a result of pollution migration from the City stormwater conveyance system;
7. To promote cost effective management and beneficial use of sediments in the City stormwater conveyance system;
8. To protect the health and safety of maintenance personnel and the public who may be exposed to pollutants in the City stormwater conveyance system;
9. To provide for the recovery of regulatory costs incurred by the City in the implementation of its stormwater drainage program, including, but not limited to, enforcement activities, inspections, investigations, sampling and monitoring; and
10. To establish appropriate enforcement procedures and penalties for violations of the provisions of this Chapter.

15.12.030 DEFINITIONS.

Any term(s) defined in the Federal Clean Water Act, as amended, and/or defined in the regulations for the stormwater discharge permitting program issued by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, as amended, and which are not specifically defined in this Chapter shall, when used in this Chapter, have the same meaning as set forth in said Act or regulation. *(COEG Ord. No. 26-2004, eff. 8-19-04)*

As used in this Chapter, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings set forth below unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

- a. "Administrator" means the Administrator of the City's Department of Public Works and his or her designees.
- b. "Best Management Practices (BMP)" means schedules of activities, prohibition of practices, general good housekeeping practices, pollution prevention and educational

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practices, maintenance procedures, and other management practices to prevent or reduce to the maximum extent practicable the discharge of pollutants directly or indirectly to waters of the United States. BMPs shall also be defined to include structural controls, treatment controls, training requirements, operating procedures, and practices to control plant site runoff, spillage or leaks, sludge or waste disposal, and drainage from raw materials storage.

- c. "City" means the City of Elk Grove.
- d. "City Council" means the City Council of the City of Elk Grove.
- e. "County" means the County of Sacramento.
- f. "City Stormwater Conveyance System" means those public and natural facilities within the City which are owned, operated, maintained or controlled by the City by which stormwater may be conveyed to waters of the United States, including, but not limited to, any roads with drainage systems, municipal streets, catch basins, water quality basins, detention basins, constructed wetlands, natural and artificial channels, aqueducts, canyons, stream beds, gullies, curbs, gutters, ditches, sumps, pumping stations, and storm drains. The City stormwater conveyance system includes natural creeks and small streams which are also defined as receiving waters by the Municipal Storm Water Permit, but does not include the Sacramento River, American River, Cosumnes River, Mokelumne River, or navigable waterways of the Delta.
- g. "Discharge" mean the release or placement of any material into the City stormwater conveyance system, including, but not limited to, stormwater, wastewater, solid materials, liquids, hazardous waste, raw materials, debris, litter or any other substance.
- h. "Illicit connection" means any physical connection to the City stormwater conveyance system which is not expressly authorized by the City.
- i. "Implementing Agency" means the agency or department designated by the Administrator to enforce the provisions of this Chapter with respect to a particular site, facility or industry category.
- j. "Industry or industrial activity" means any service, business, enterprise, or any other activity conducted by any person for the purpose of monetary or other compensation.
- k. "Material" means any substance, including, but not limited to, raw materials, finished products, garbage and debris, lawn clippings, leaves and other vegetation, biological and fecal waste, sediment and sludge, oil and grease, gasoline, paints, solvents, cleaners and any fluid or solid containing chemicals.
- l. "Municipal Storm Water Permit" means NPDES Permit # CA0082597, including any amendments thereto or successor permit, issued by the Regional Board to the County and the cities of Folsom, Galt, Sacramento, Citrus Heights, Elk Grove and Rancho Cordova.
- m. "National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Permit or NPDES Permit" means a permit issued by either the Regional Board or the State Water Resources Control Board pursuant to Chapter 5.5 (commencing with Section 13370) of Division 7

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of the Water Code to control discharges from point sources to waters of the United States.

- n. "Non-stormwater discharge" means any discharge to the City stormwater conveyance system or directly to the Sacramento River, the Cosumnes River, the Mokelumne River, the navigable waters of the Delta, or the American River which is not composed exclusively of stormwater.
- o. "Person" means any natural person as well as any corporation, partnership, public agency, trust, estate, cooperative association, joint venture, business entity or other similar entity, or the agent, employee or representative of any of the above.
- p. "Pollutant" means any contaminant or other substance which, as determined by the Administrator, is discharged or has a reasonable potential to be discharged in sufficient quantities or concentrations to cause exceedance of receiving water limitations defined in Section C. 1. of the Municipal Storm Water Permit, or any successor section, or otherwise cause a violation of the Municipal Storm Water Permit. Pollutant may include, but is not limited to, solid waste, sewage, garbage, medical waste, wrecked or discarded equipment, radioactive material, dredged soil, rock, sand, industrial waste, feces, fecal coliform, fecal streptococcus, enterococcus, volatile organic carbon, surfactants, oil and grease, petroleum hydrocarbon, organic solvents, metals, phenols, pesticides, nutrients, suspended or settleable solids, materials causing an increase in biochemical or chemical oxygen or total organic carbon, substances which alter pH, and those pollutants defined in Section 1362(6) of the Federal Clean Water Act.
- q. "Potential user" means any person who by nature of the enterprise, activity or industry in which such person is engaged, or by the use, possession or ownership of specified types of equipment, is determined by the Administrator to generate or have the capacity to generate wastes or wastewater which have significant potential to be discharged to the City stormwater conveyance system.
- r. "Premises" means any building, lot, parcel or land, or portion thereof, whether improved or unimproved.
- s. "Prohibited discharge" means any non-stormwater discharge to the City stormwater conveyance system or directly to the Sacramento River, the Cosumnes River, the Mokelumne River, navigable waters of the Delta, or the American River, which is not otherwise specifically authorized by this Chapter, the Regional Board, State or Federal law, or an NPDES permit.
- t. "Receiving water limitations" means those restrictions defined and listed in Section C.1. of the Municipal Storm Water Permit or any successor section.
- u. "Receiving waters" means surface bodies of water, as defined by the Municipal Storm Water Permit, including, but not limited to, creeks and rivers, which serve as discharge points for the City stormwater conveyance system.
- v. "Regional Board" means the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region.

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- w. State General Construction Activity Permit shall mean the State Water Resources Control Board's Water Quality Order No. 99-08-DWQ, National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit No. CAS000002 Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRS) for Discharges of Storm Water Runoff Associated With Construction Activity, and any successor documents.
- x. State General Industrial Activity Permit shall mean the State Water Resources Control Board's Water Quality Order No. 97-03-DWQ, National Pollution Discharge Elimination System General Permit No. CAS000001, Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Storm Water Associated With Industrial Activities Excluding Construction Activities, and any successor document.
- y. "Stormwater" means surface runoff and drainage resulting from storm events and snow melt.
- z. "Subject Activity" means any industrial activity which is determined by the Administrator to discharge or have the potential to discharge pollutants into stormwater or non-stormwater in quantities or concentrations which may cause exceedance of receiving water limitations, or for which a requirement has been imposed by the state or federal government on the City to conduct stormwater regulatory activities focused on the activity.
- aa. "Threatened prohibited discharge" means any condition or activity which does not currently result in a prohibited discharge but is nevertheless determined by the Administrator to be a condition which results in a substantial likelihood of a future prohibited discharge.
- bb. "User" means any person who discharges, or causes to discharge, either directly or indirectly, stormwater or any other material into the City stormwater conveyance system.
- cc. "Waters of the United States" has the same meaning as set forth in Part 122.2 of Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations or any successor provision. *(COEG Ord. No. 26-2004, eff. 8-19-04)*

15.12.035 CONSTRUCTION. The provisions of this Chapter shall be construed to assure consistency with the requirements of the Federal Clean Water Act and any acts amendatory thereof or supplementary thereto, applicable implementing regulations, and NPDES Permit # CA 0082597 and any amendment, revision or reissuance thereof. In the event of a conflict between this Chapter and any federal or state law, regulation, order or permit, the requirement, which establishes the higher standard for public health and safety, shall govern.

15.12.040 APPLICABILITY. The provisions of this Chapter shall be applicable to all users and potential users located within the City and all users that discharge either directly or indirectly into the City stormwater conveyance system. This Chapter shall not be applicable to persons located outside the boundaries of the City if their stormwater or non-stormwater discharge enters a stormwater conveyance facility owned or operated by another public agency which is subject to a valid NPDES Permit for discharges from a municipal separate storm sewer system prior to entering the City

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stormwater conveyance system. This Chapter shall not apply to facilities subject to and in compliance with the State General Construction Activity Stormwater Permit and/or the City of Elk Grove Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinance. Non-stormwater discharges at construction sites between one and five acres in size, and which the Administrator determines are in accordance with the non-stormwater discharge standards of the State General Permit for Construction Activity, are considered to be in compliance with this Chapter. This Chapter shall not apply to facilities operated by the State of California or by agencies of the Federal Government.

15.12.050 REGULATORY CONSISTENCY. The provisions of this Chapter shall take precedence over and are controlling with respect to any conflicting or inconsistent provisions in this Code.

15.12.060 COMPLIANCE DISCLAIMER. Compliance by any person with the provisions of this Chapter shall not preclude the need to comply with other local, state or federal statutory or regulatory requirements relating to the control of pollutant discharges or protection of stormwater quality, or both.

15.12.070 SEVERABILITY. If any section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Chapter is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or phrases of this Chapter. The City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted this Chapter and each section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase thereof without regard to whether any other section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Chapter would subsequently be declared to be invalid or unconstitutional.

15.12.080 ADMINISTRATION. Except as otherwise provided herein, the Administrator shall be responsible for the administration, implementation and enforcement of the provisions of this Chapter. Any powers granted to or duties imposed upon the Administrator may be delegated by the Administrator to other City employees or, upon the approval of the City Council, to employees of other public agencies.

15.12.090 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY. The degree of protection required by this Chapter is considered reasonable for regulatory purposes and is based on scientific, engineering and other relevant technical considerations. The standards set forth herein are minimum standards and this Chapter does not imply that compliance will ensure that there will be no unauthorized discharge of pollutants into the waters of the United States. This Chapter shall not create liability on the part of the City or any officer or employee thereof for any damages that result from reliance on this Chapter or any administrative decision lawfully made thereunder.

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Article 2 Prohibited Discharges

15.12.100 PROHIBITED DISCHARGE. Except as provided in Section 15.12.110, it shall be unlawful for any person to make or cause to be made any non-stormwater discharge into the City stormwater conveyance system or directly to the Sacramento River, American River, Cosumnes River, Mokelumne River, or navigable waters of the Delta.

15.12.110 EXCEPTIONS TO DISCHARGE PROHIBITION. The following discharges to the City stormwater conveyance system are exempt from the otherwise applicable discharge prohibition set forth in Section 15.12.100:

a. Any discharge regulated under a NPDES permit issued to the discharger, and administered by the State pursuant to Chapter 5.5 of Division 7 of the Water Code, provided that any such discharge is in compliance with all requirements of the NPDES permit and all other applicable laws and regulations.

b. Any discharge from any of the following activities provided that any such discharge does not cause or contribute to the violation of any Receiving Water Limitation as determined by the Administrator:

1. Water line flushing;
2. Landscape irrigation;
3. Diverted stream flows;
4. Rising ground waters;
5. Uncontaminated ground water infiltration [as defined in 40 CFR 35.2005(20)] to separate storm sewers;
6. Uncontaminated pumped ground water;
7. Discharges from potable water sources;
8. Foundation drains;
9. Air conditioning condensate;
10. Irrigation water;
11. Springs;
12. Water from crawl space pumps;
13. Footing drains;
14. Lawn watering;
15. Individual residential car washing;
16. Flows from riparian habitats and wetlands;
17. Dechlorinated swimming pool discharges; or

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18. Discharges or flows from emergency fire fighting activities.

c. Any discharges which the Administrator or the Regional Board determines in writing are necessary for the protection of public health or safety.

d. Additional categories of non-stormwater discharges, which do not cause or contribute to the violation of any Receiving Water Limitation may be excepted from the otherwise applicable prohibition by the Administrator upon approval of the Executive Officer of the Regional Board, as provided in Sections A.3. and D.4.a.1.d. of the Municipal Storm Water Permit, or any successor sections.

15.12.120 EXCEPTION TO OTHERWISE APPLICABLE EXEMPTIONS.

Notwithstanding the exemptions provided for in Section 15.12.110 above, if the Regional Board or the Administrator determines that a discharge which is otherwise exempt from the prohibition on discharges causes or significantly contributes to the violation of any Receiving Water Limitation or results in the conveyance of significant quantities of pollutants to surface waters, or is otherwise a danger to public health or safety, the Administrator may give written notice to the owner or operator of the facility that the discharge exception shall not apply to the discharge at issue following expiration of the thirty (30) day period commencing upon delivery of the notice. Upon expiration of such thirty (30) day period, any such discharge shall be unlawful. Upon finding that any continuance of the discharge poses an immediate significant threat to the environment or to public health and safety, the Administrator may waive the thirty day waiting period and require immediate cessation of the discharge. (*COEG Ord. No. 26-2004, eff. 8-19-04*)

15.12.130 GENERAL DISCHARGE PROHIBITION. It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge, or cause to be discharged, any material to the City stormwater conveyance system which results in, or contributes to, a violation of the Municipal Storm Water Permit.

15.12.140 THREATENED PROHIBITED DISCHARGE. It shall be unlawful for any person to maintain, or cause to be maintained, a threatened prohibited discharge after having received notice of the Administrator's determination as to the existence of a threatened prohibited discharge.

15.12.150 ILLICIT CONNECTIONS PROHIBITED. a. It shall be unlawful for any person to establish, use or maintain, or cause to establish, use or maintain, any illicit connection. Illicit connections shall be subject to removal and abatement by the City pursuant to Chapter 16.02 of this Code.

b. The prohibition set forth in subsection (a) above shall apply to illicit connections in existence at the time that this Chapter becomes effective. Upon the effective date of this Chapter, any person who maintains an illicit connection shall have thirty (30) days from the effective date of this Chapter to disconnect and discontinue use of such connection. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, any person who maintains an

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illicit connection, as defined in Section 15.12.030(g), may apply to the City for a permit to continue the connection subject to applicable City standards.

15.12.160 NEGLIGENCE OR INTENT NOT REQUIRED. A violation of the provisions of this Article shall occur irrespective of the negligence or intent of the violator to construct, maintain, operate or utilize an illicit connection or to cause, allow or facilitate any prohibited discharge.

Article 3

Reduction of Pollutants in Stormwater

15.12.200 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS. a. The Administrator may designate as Subject Activities any activities, including industrial activities, which are identified as potential sources of discharges of pollutants to the City Stormwater Conveyance System, or for which a requirement has been imposed by the state or federal government for the City to conduct stormwater regulatory activities focused on the Subject Activity in question.

b. Any person who the Administrator determines is conducting any Subject Activity shall prevent or reduce the discharge of pollutants from those activities, to the maximum extent practicable, through the implementation of BMPs in accordance with Section 15.12.220.

c. The Administrator shall conduct a notification and comment process for designations or determinations made pursuant to section (a) of this section.

d. Any determination made by the Administrator pursuant to subsection (b) of this section shall be subject to the provisions for the adoption of regulations set forth in Section 15.12.230. *(COEG Ord. No. 26-2004, eff. 8-19-04)*

15.12.210 CONTAINMENT AND NOTIFICATION OF SPILLS. a. Any person owning or occupying premises, or conducting any activity that has knowledge of any non-stormwater discharge or threatened prohibited discharge, from the premises or activity to the City storm water conveyance system shall immediately take all reasonable action to contain and otherwise minimize any such discharge.

b. The Administrator may designate types of activities where the owner or operator of the activity shall be required to notify the Administrator or the Implementing Agency within twenty-four (24) hours of the discovery of an actual discharge into the City stormwater conveyance system.

c. For any discharge subject to the reporting requirements of the State of California Water Code sections 13271 and 13272, notification in compliance therewith shall constitute sufficient notification for the purposes of this Section.

15.12.220 BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES. a. The Administrator may adopt regulations for specified Subject Activities. Such regulations shall describe Best

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Management Practices ("BMPs") which, if implemented by persons conducting such Specified Activities, shall satisfy the requirements of Section 15.12.200.

b. Persons conducting Subject Activities may implement BMPs not contained in the adopted regulations to satisfy the requirement of Section 15.12.200(b) through either of the following mechanisms:

i. By submitting and receiving prior written approval for the alternative BMPs from the Administrator if he or she determines that the proposed alternative BMPs provide a level of protection from stormwater discharges equivalent to the BMPs contained in the regulations adopted pursuant to (a) above; or

ii. By implementing alternative BMPs which provide a level of protection from storm water discharges equivalent to the BMPs contained in the regulations adopted pursuant to (a) above.

c. Any alternative BMPs implemented pursuant to subsection (b)(ii) above shall be subject to review and approval by the Administrator as part of the inspection procedures set forth in Article 4 of this Chapter. If a person conducting Subject Activities implements alternative BMPs without the prior written approval of the Administrator and subsequently receives written notice from the Administrator that the alternative BMPs do not provide the required equivalent level of protection from storm water discharges, the continued implementation of such alternative BMPs shall be deemed to be a violation of the requirements of 15.12.200(b) as of the date of delivery of such notice unless it is ultimately determined pursuant to an administrative appeal pursuant to Section 15.12.400 that the alternative BMPs provide the required equivalent level of protection from stormwater discharges.

d. Any facility that is in compliance with its State or Federal NPDES permit for stormwater discharges for that facility shall be deemed to have met the requirements of Section 15.12.200(b).

e. The Administrator shall develop regulations for determining when BMPs have been successfully implemented.

15.12.230 ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND REGULATIONS.

a. The Administrator shall have the authority to promulgate regulations for the implementation of this Chapter. Prior to the Administrator's initiation of any proposed regulations, the Administrator shall submit a public input plan to the City Council for its approval. The public input plan approved by the City Council shall be generally applicable to the promulgation of regulations by the Administrator.

b. All regulations promulgated by the Administrator shall be consistent with the provisions of this Chapter. Any such regulations, or amendments thereof, shall be filed with the City Clerk of the City Council. The City Clerk shall cause announcement of said rules or regulations to be published in a newspaper of general circulation within ten calendar days. Such announcements shall provide a reasonable summary of the content of the rule. In addition, the Administrator shall make a reasonable effort to identify, notify, and provide copies to any activities which are specifically designated by the Administrator as subject to a rule or regulation. However, neither the failure of the

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Administrator to provide such notice nor the failure to receive individual notice shall exempt an activity from that rule or regulation. No regulations promulgated by the Administrator, or amendments thereof, shall be enforced or become effective until thirty (30) calendar days following the date on which notification of the regulations are published.

c. Any person who asserts that he or she is aggrieved by the terms or application of a regulation issued pursuant to this section may appeal the issuance of such regulation by filing a written notice of appeal with the City Clerk of the City Council. The notice of appeal shall specifically identify the regulation or regulations from which the appeal is taken and the reasons for the appeal. Upon receipt of such notice, the City Clerk of the City Council shall schedule the appeal for a public hearing by the City Council. At the conclusion of the public hearing the City Council shall be vested with jurisdiction to deny the appeal or to rescind or modify the regulation. The City Council's determination in this regard shall be final.

d. Any regulation from which an appeal is filed prior to its effective date shall not become effective until the date of a determination by the City Council of the appeal. Any regulation from which an appeal is filed on or subsequent to the effective date thereof shall remain in full force and effect during the pendency of the appeal, and any decision which rescinds or modifies the regulation shall apply prospectively.

15.12.235 BMP Maintenance Requirements. The Administrator may require a property owner to establish, document, and conduct a maintenance program, subject to approval, for any BMP. This requirement may apply to BMPs required by the City or BMPs that were voluntarily installed pursuant to Section 15.12.220. Such a maintenance program may be required when the Administrator determines that proper maintenance is necessary to protect public safety, health, infrastructure, or the environment, or to otherwise meet the purposes of this Chapter. Maintenance requirements established pursuant to this subsection must be appropriate for the site conditions and design of BMPs. *(COEG Ord. No. 26-2004, eff. 8-19-04)*

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Inspection and Monitoring

15.12.300 SCOPE OF INSPECTIONS. a. Prior to commencing any inspection authorized pursuant to this section, the Administrator shall obtain the consent of the owner or occupant of the premises, an administrative inspection warrant or a criminal search warrant. Routine or area inspections shall be based upon such reasonable selection processes as may be deemed necessary to carry out the objectives of this Chapter including, but not limited to, random sampling, sampling in areas with evidence of stormwater contamination, illicit connections, discharge of non-stormwater to the City stormwater conveyance system or similar factors.

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b. The Administrator may enter upon private property to investigate the source of any discharge to any public street, inlet, gutter, storm drain or the City storm water conveyance system.

c. The Administrator may enter upon private property for the purpose of verifying compliance with the provisions of this Chapter, including, but not limited to, the following:

1. Identifying products produced, processes conducted, chemicals used and materials stored on or contained within the property;

2. Identifying point(s) of discharge of all wastewater, process water system, pollutants and other discharges from the property;

3. Investigating the natural slope of the premises, including drainage patterns and artificial conveyance systems;

4. Establishing the location of all points of discharge from the property, whether by surface runoff or through a storm drain system;

5. Locating any illicit connection or the source of any prohibited discharge; and

6. Evaluating implementation of BMPs.

d. For purposes of verifying compliance with the provisions of this Chapter, the Administrator may inspect any vehicle, truck, trailer, tank truck or other mobile equipment, or any stationary equipment, which may reasonably be believed to be used by the business for business-related activities and to be associated with industrial sources of pollutants or with non-stormwater discharges.

e. The Administrator may inspect all records of the owner or occupant of any premises relating to chemicals or processes presently or previously occurring on-site, including materials and/or chemical inventories, facilities maps or schematics or diagrams, material safety data sheets, hazardous waste manifests, business plans, pollution prevention plans, State general permits, monitoring program plans or any other records relating to illicit connections, prohibited discharges or the potential discharge of pollutants to the City stormwater conveyance system. In addition, the Administrator may require the owner or occupant to furnish, within a reasonable time period, copies of all such records. (*COEG Ord. No. 26-2004, eff. 8-19-04*)

f. The Administrator may conduct any necessary surveillance, inspect, sample and test any area runoff, soils area (including any groundwater testing), process discharge, materials within any waste storage area (including any container contents), and/or treatment system discharge for the purpose of determining the potential for the contribution of pollutants to the City stormwater conveyance system. The Administrator may conduct surveillance and investigate the integrity and layout of all storm drain and sanitary sewer system or other pipelines on the premises using appropriate tests, including, but not limited to, smoke and dye tests or video surveys. The Administrator may conduct any necessary surveillance, take photographs or video tape, make measurements or drawings, and create any other record reasonably necessary to document conditions on the premises.

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g. The Administrator may require regular reports from industrial facilities and construction sites discharging into the City stormwater conveyance system.

h. The Administrator may erect and maintain monitoring and sampling devices for the purpose of measuring any discharge or potential source of discharge to the City stormwater conveyance system.

15.12.330 Reporting Requirements. a. The Administrator may require any person to report information for purposes related to the goals of this Chapter. Required information may include but is not limited to the following: characterization of industrial activities; compliance with this Chapter, compliance with State General Permit requirements; compliance with Administrative Enforcement Orders or other enforcement actions; discharge monitoring; training; and BMP implementation, effectiveness, and maintenance.

b. The Administrator may require information to be submitted on an as needed basis.

c. The Administrator may require submitted information to be compiled, summarized, analyzed or organized in a reasonable manner that facilitates its interpretation or other use. As necessary to facilitate the use of information, the Administrator may also specify the medium and format of required submittals.

d. Failure to provide information in a timely manner as required by the Administrator, or knowingly or negligently providing false information shall be a violation of this Chapter. (*COEG Ord. No. 26-2004, eff. 8-19-04*)

15.12.350 FEES. The Administrator shall collect such fees as may be authorized by the City Council to provide for the recovery of regulatory costs, including routine inspections and other regulatory functions associated with this Chapter. There shall be no fee assessed to appeal the determination that a person conducts any Subject Activity. Any such fees shall be established by resolution of the City Council.

Article 5 Enforcement

15.12.400 NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANCE.

a. The Administrator may deliver to the owner or occupant of any premises, or to any person responsible for an illicit connection, prohibited discharge, maintenance of a threatened prohibited discharge, failure to implement BMPs in accordance with Section 15.12.200(b), or any other violation of this Chapter a Notice of Non-Compliance. The Notice of Non-Compliance shall be delivered in accordance with Section 15.12.430 hereof.

b. The Notice of Non-Compliance shall identify the provision of this Chapter which has been violated. The Notice of Non-Compliance shall state that continued non-

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compliance may result in additional enforcement actions, including the recovery of any costs incurred by the City.

c. The Notice of Non-Compliance shall identify a compliance date that must be met; provided, however, that the compliance date may not exceed ninety (90) days unless the Administrator extends the compliance deadline an additional period not exceeding ninety (90) days when good cause exists for the extension.

15.12.410 ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLIANCE ORDERS.

a. The Administrator may issue an Administrative Compliance Order. The Administrative Compliance Order shall be delivered in accordance with Section 15.12.430 hereof. The Administrative Compliance Order may be issued to any of the following:

1. The owner or occupant of any premises requiring abatement of conditions on the premises that cause or may cause a prohibited discharge in violation of this Chapter.

2. A person who fails to implement BMPs in accordance with Section 15.12.200(b).

3. Any person responsible for a prohibited discharge or maintenance of a threatened prohibited discharge.

b. The Administrative Compliance Order may include the following terms and conditions:

1. Specific steps and time schedules for compliance as reasonably necessary to prevent threatened or future unauthorized discharges, including, but not limited to, the threat of any prohibited discharge from any pond, pit, well, surface impoundment, holding or storage area.

2. Specific requirements for containment, cleanup, removal, storage, or proper disposal of any material having the potential to contribute pollutants to stormwater runoff.

3. Specific requirements for the installation of overhead covering.

4. Any terms or conditions reasonably calculated to prevent continued or threatened violations of this Chapter.

5. Any other measures necessary or appropriate to fully implement BMPs in accordance with Section 15.12.200(b).

15.12.420 CEASE AND DESIST ORDERS.

a. The Administrator may issue a Cease and Desist Order. A Cease and Desist Order shall be delivered in accordance with Section 15.12.430 hereof. A Cease and Desist Order may direct the owner or occupant of any premises, or any other person responsible for any violation of this Chapter, to take any of the following action:

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1. Immediately discontinue any prohibited discharge to the City stormwater conveyance system.
 2. Immediately discontinue any other violation of this Chapter.
 3. Clean up the area affected by the violation.
- b. The Administrator may direct by a Cease and Desist Order that any person immediately cease any activity which may lead to a violation of Receiving Water Limitations.

15.12.430 DELIVERY OF NOTICE.

Any notice of non-compliance, administrative compliance order, cease or desist order or other enforcement order pursuant to the requirements of this Chapter shall be subject to the following requirements:

- a. The notice shall state that the recipient has a right to appeal the matter as set forth in Section 15.12.440 of this Chapter.
- b. The notice shall state that the recipient or the property owner, or both, may be liable for all enforcement costs incurred by the City in correcting the violation.
- c. Delivery shall be deemed complete upon either personal delivery to the recipient or deposit in the U.S. mail postage pre-paid for first class delivery.
- d. Where the recipient of the notice is the owner of the property, the address for notice shall be the address from the most recently issued equalized assessment roll for the property.
- e. Where the owner or occupant of any premises cannot be located after reasonable efforts of the Administrator, the notice shall be deemed delivered after posting on the premises for a period of ten (10) business days.

15.12.440 ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS.

- a. Except as set forth in subsection (b) below, any person receiving a notice of non-compliance, a designation as a person who conducts Subject Activities, an administrative compliance order, or an Administrative Citation pursuant to Chapter 1.12, or who is otherwise subject to an adverse determination pursuant to this Chapter may appeal the matter by requesting an administrative appeals hearing before an Appeals Hearing Officer pursuant to Chapter 1.11 of this Code.

(COEG Ord. 19-2005, eff. 06-10-05)

- b. An administrative appeals hearing on the issuance of a cease and desist order or following an emergency abatement action shall be held within seven (7) working days following the issuance of the order or the action of abatement, unless the hearing or the time requirement for the hearing is waived in writing by the party subject to the cease and desist order or the emergency abatement. A request for an administrative appeals hearing shall not be required from the person subject to the cease and desist order or the emergency abatement.

(COEG Ord. 19-2005, eff. 06-10-05)

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c. At any administrative appeals hearing, the administrative appeals officer shall permit any interested party, including, but not limited to the Administrator and/or the appealing party to present evidence and argument in support of or against the imposition of the notice of non-compliance, order, designation, determination, administrative citation or abatement action.

(COEG Ord. 19-2005, eff. 06-10-05)

15.12.450 NUISANCE AND ABATEMENT.

a. Any condition in violation of the provisions of this Chapter, including, but not limited to, the maintenance or use of any illicit connection or the occurrence of any prohibited discharge, shall constitute a threat to the public health, safety and welfare and is declared and deemed to be a public nuisance.

b. At the request of the Administrator, the City may seek a court order to enjoin or abate the nuisance, or both. Prior to seeking any court order to enjoin or abate a nuisance or threatened nuisance, the Administrator shall provide notice of the proposed injunction or abatement to the owner and occupant, if any, of the premises where the nuisance or threatened nuisance is occurring.

c. At the request of the Administrator, the City may seek an abatement warrant or other appropriate judicial authorization to enter the premises where any nuisance or threatened nuisance is occurring and to abate the condition and restore the area.

d. In the event the nuisance constitutes an imminent danger to public safety or the environment, the Administrator may enter the premises from which the nuisance emanates, abate the nuisance and restore any property affected by the nuisance without prior notice to or consent from the owner or occupant thereof and without judicial warrant.

1. An imminent danger shall include, but is not limited to, exigent circumstances created by the dispersal of pollutants, where such pollutants presents a significant and immediate threat to the public safety or the environment.

2. Notwithstanding the authority of the City to conduct an emergency abatement action, an administrative hearing pursuant to Section 15.12.440 shall follow the emergency abatement action.

15.12.460 CIVIL PENALTIES.

a. In addition to any other remedies provided by this Chapter or any other law, the Administrator is authorized to impose Administrative Civil Penalties in an amount established by resolution of the City Council, pursuant to Chapter 1.12 of the City Code, upon any person for each violation of this Chapter. Each day, or a portion thereof, that a violation continues constitutes a new violation. Administrative Civil Penalties are subject to the appeal procedures in Chapter 1.11 of this Code.

(COEG Ord. 19-2005, eff. 06-10-05)

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b. In addition to any other remedies provided by this Chapter or any other law, the Administrator may also seek and recover reimbursement from any person whose conduct or activity results in any fine, penalty or other charges being imposed upon the City by any authorized Federal, State, or Local Government agency, including, but not limited to, the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, for violations of the terms of the City's National Pollution Discharge Elimination System ("NPDES") Permit or otherwise, up to the actual amount of the fine, penalty, or charge imposed upon the City. Claims for reimbursement by the City shall be made by written request on forms approved by the Administrator. Claims for reimbursement shall be due and payable as directed by the Administrator in the written request for reimbursement, but in no event shall a claim for reimbursement be due and payable any later than thirty (30) days after presentation of the claim for reimbursement to the responsible person, unless the Administrator finds good cause to allow later payment. Claims for reimbursements by the City are subject to the appeal procedures in Chapter 1.11 of this Code.

(COEG Ord. 19-2005, eff. 06-10-05)

c. In reaching a decision concerning an Administrative Civil Penalty or a claim of reimbursement in any appeal proceeding under this Chapter, the Appeals Hearing Officer, shall be guided by factors including, but not limited to the following: the danger to public health, safety and welfare represented by the violation, recidivism, any economic benefit associated with non-compliance, and any economic impact to the City or the public as a result of the violation.

(COEG Ord. 19-2005, eff. 06-10-05)

15.12.470 CRIMINAL PENALTIES.

a. Any person who negligently or knowingly violates any provision of this Chapter, undertakes to conceal any violation of this Chapter, continues any violation of this Chapter after notice thereof, or fails to implement BMPs in accordance with Section 15.12.200(b) shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned for not more than six (6) months in the County Jail, or both.

b. Each day in which a violation occurs and each separate failure to comply with either a separate provision of this Chapter, an administrative compliance order, a cease and desist order, or failure to implement BMPs in accordance with Section 15.12.200(b) shall constitute a separate violation of this Chapter punishable by fines or sentences in accordance herewith.

c. The Administrator may authorize specifically designated City employees to issue citations for misdemeanor violations of this Chapter pursuant to Penal Code section 836.5.

15.12.480 MISCELLANEOUS ENFORCEMENT PROVISIONS.

a. Each and every remedy available for the enforcement of this Chapter shall be non-exclusive and it is within the discretion of the Administrator to seek cumulative remedies.

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b. The Administrator may request the City to file a civil action in a court of competent jurisdiction seeking an injunction against any threatened or continuing non-compliance with the provisions of this Chapter. Any temporary, preliminary or permanent injunction issued pursuant to this subsection may include an order for reimbursement to the City of all costs incurred in enforcing this Chapter, including, but not limited to, costs of inspection, investigation and monitoring, the costs of abatement undertaken at the expense of the City, costs relating to the restoration of the environment and any other costs or expenses authorized by law.

c. The Administrator may request the City to file an action for civil damages in a court of competent jurisdiction seeking recovery of any of the following:

1. All costs incurred in the enforcement of this Chapter, including, but not limited to, costs relating to investigation, sampling, monitoring, inspection, administrative expenses, all other expenses authorized by law and consequential damages.

2. All costs incurred in mitigating harm to the environment or reducing the threat to human health.

3. Damages for irreparable harm to the environment.

d. The City is authorized to file actions for civil damages resulting from any trespass or nuisance occurring on public property or to the City stormwater conveyance system from any violation of this Chapter where such violation has caused damage, contamination or harm to the environment, public property or the City stormwater conveyance system.

e. The remedies available to the City pursuant to the provisions of this Chapter shall not limit the right of the City or any law enforcement agency to seek any other legal or equitable remedy that may be available to it.

f. Each day in which a violation occurs and each separate failure to implement BMPs in accordance with Section 15.12.200(b) or to comply with either a separate provision of this Chapter, an administrative compliance order, or a cease and desist order shall constitute a separate violation of this Chapter punishable by administrative penalties in accordance with this Chapter.

Article 6 Recovery of Cost of Abatement

15.12.500 COSTS OF ABATEMENT – CONFIRMATION.

a. When proceedings under this Chapter result in the correction of a violation of this Chapter or in a final determination that a violation exists subsequent to the date specified in any notice issued pursuant to the provisions of this Chapter, the costs of such proceedings incurred by the City may be assessed against the property. Such costs may include, but are not limited to, those incurred in inspecting property, publication, mailing and posting of notices, conducting hearings, processing appeals and pursuing any judicial action. It is the purpose of this section to allow the assessment against property of costs of proceedings if a violation is corrected in any manner.

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b. The Administrator shall keep an account of the administrative and other costs of abatement, and shall submit to the City Council for confirmation an itemized written report showing such costs and their proposed assessment to the respective properties. The report shall be filed with the City Clerk of the City Council not later than fifteen (15) calendar days in advance of the confirmation hearing required below.

c. Upon receipt of the report, the City Clerk of the City Council shall schedule a public hearing to receive protests and confirm the report. A statement of the proposed assessment and notice of the time, date and place of the hearing, together with reference to the report on file with the City Clerk, shall be mailed to the owner or owners of each parcel of property proposed to be assessed shown on the last equalized assessment roll available on the date of mailing of the notice or any other address or addresses ascertained to be more accurate. Such notice shall be mailed not later than fifteen (15) calendar days in advance of the hearing. Notice of the time, date and place of the public hearing by the City Council shall be published once in a newspaper of general circulation published with the City. With respect to each property proposed to be assessed for which the name or the owner or owners is not shown on the last equalized assessment roll or no address for an owner is shown on the last equalized assessment roll, the notice shall show the name or names of the owner or owners, if such name or names are shown on the last equalized assessment roll, the assessor's parcel number, the street address of the property, if the property has an address and the address is known to the Administrator, the name of the street or road upon which such property abuts, if the property abuts upon a street or road, the amount of the proposed assessment and reference to the report on file with the City Clerk. Such publication shall be made not later than fifteen (15) calendar days in advance of the hearing.

d. At the time fixed for receiving and considering the report, the City Council shall conduct a public hearing and shall receive and consider any objections from members of the general public or property owners liable to be assessed for the abatement. Written protests or objections shall specify the date, hour and description of the subject property under hearing. The City Council may continue the hearing and delegate to the City Manager or his designee the responsibility of hearing individual protests and submitting a recommendation with respect thereto; provided that the City Council provides an opportunity for individual consideration of each project upon receipt of the recommendation by the City Manager or his designee. The City Council may modify the report if it is deemed necessary. The City Council shall then confirm the report by motion or resolution.

15.12.510 COSTS – ASSESSMENTS.

a. If the costs as confirmed are not paid within thirty (30) days of the date of mailing of the notice or date of publication pursuant to Section 15.12.500 above, such costs shall be assessed against the parcel of land pursuant to Section 25845 of the Government Code, and shall be transmitted to the Tax Collector for collection and shall be subject to the same penalties and the same procedures and sale in case of delinquency as provided for ad valorem taxes.

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b. If subsequent to the mailing of the notice of non-compliance and prior to transmittal of the notice of unpaid costs to the Tax Collector for collection as set forth in subsection (a) of this section, the property subject to the notice of non-compliance is sold, or title otherwise transferred to a bona fide purchaser, said costs shall be the responsibility of the owner of record as of the date said notice of non-compliance was placed in the United States postal system or posted on the property.

c. In addition to assessing the unpaid costs as provided in subsection (a) herein, the Tax Collector or his designated representative may pursue any remedy provided by law for collection of the unpaid costs.

15.12.520 TREBLE COSTS.

Pursuant to Government Code section 25845.5, upon entry of a second or subsequent civil or criminal judgment within a two (2) year period finding that an owner is responsible for a condition in violation of this Chapter that may be abated pursuant to Government Code section 25845, a court may order the owner to pay treble the costs of abatement.

15.12.530 HEARING OF PROTESTS.

Upon the day and hour fixed for the hearing, the City Council shall hear and pass upon the report of the Administrator together with any such protests or objections. The City Council may make such revision, correction or modification of the report or the charge as it may deem just; and in the event the City Council is satisfied with correctness of the charge, the report of the Administrator (as submitted or as revised, corrected or modified) together with the charge, shall be confirmed or rejected. The decision of the City Council on the report and the charge and on all objections or protests shall be final and conclusive.

15.12.540 Assessment for Summary Abatement.

Where the charge to be made is the result of summary abatement pursuant to Section 15.12.460(c), the City Council may determine whether or not the action to abate was proper, and may confirm the charge or not as it may deem proper.

15.12.550 Time for Contest of Assessment.

The validity of any assessment made under the provisions of this Chapter shall not be contested in any action or proceeding unless the same is commenced within thirty (30) days after the assessment is ordered to be placed upon the assessment roll as provided herein.

15.12.560 Filing Copy of Report with County Auditor.

A certified copy of the assessment shall be filed with the County Auditor on or before August 1. The descriptions of the parcels reported shall be those used for the same parcels on the map books of the County Assessor for the current year.

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Article 7 Commercial and Industrial Facilities

15.12.600 Findings.

a. One of the requirements of the municipal stormwater permit (NPDES No. CAS0082597) to which the City is a co-permittee, is to track, inspect, and ensure compliance with stormwater ordinances at certain commercial and industrial facilities.

b. The Sacramento County Environmental Management Department (EMD), as both the State-designated Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) and the Environmental Health Agency for Sacramento County, is currently tracking and inspecting the majority of commercial and industrial facilities subject to the provisions of the municipal stormwater permit.

c. Utilizing EMD to fulfill the commercial and industrial inspection program requirements under the municipal stormwater permit will result in greater program efficiency, reduced program costs, reduced impacts to the regulated business community, and is in the best interest of the City.

d. On March 17, 2004, the City Council authorized the City Manager to enter into an agreement with EMD for fulfilling the NPDES permit inspection requirements with respect to commercial and industrial facilities.

e. Under the Agreement, the City is required to amend the stormwater ordinance as necessary to authorize the County EMD to implement the stormwater compliance program for commercial and industrial facilities. The City must make any necessary amendments to the stormwater ordinance to the extent necessary to authorize EMD to:

1. Conduct all necessary inspections or re-inspections of regulated facilities within the incorporated City area;
2. Take any necessary enforcement actions as authorized by the Municipal Code and consistent with a City-approved enforcement plan;
3. Investigate and follow-up referred complaints at eligible facilities;
4. Establish and collect fees necessary to recover program implementation costs.

f. The term of the Agreement is July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2010, unless sooner terminated, or extended by the City and County. *(COEG 26-2004, Eff. 8-16-04)*

15.12.610 Purpose and Intent.

a. The purpose of this Article is to fulfill the requirements of the Agreement between the City and Sacramento County, authorized by the City Council on March 17, 2004, whereby the County shall assume responsibility for providing tracking, inspection, and enforcement of the City's stormwater ordinance with respect to commercial and industrial facilities within the incorporated City area as required by the municipal stormwater permit.

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b. It is the intent of the City Council in adopting this Article to provide the necessary amendments in order to authorize the County to accomplish the following goals:

1. Conduct all necessary inspections or re-inspections of regulated facilities within the incorporated City area;
2. Take any necessary enforcement actions as authorized by the Municipal Code and consistent with a City-approved enforcement plan;
3. Investigate and follow-up referred complaints at eligible facilities;
4. Establish and collect fees necessary to recover program implementation costs. *(COEG 26-2004, Eff. 8-16-04)*

15.12.620 Delegation of Authority to County EMD

a. Pursuant to the Agreement authorized by the City Council on March 17, 2004, whereby the County shall assume responsibility for tracking, inspecting, and enforcing the City's stormwater ordinance at certain commercial and industrial facilities specified in the municipal stormwater permit, the term "Administrator," as used in this Chapter shall also mean the Director of the Sacramento County Environmental Management Department and his or her designees.

b. Any administrative or civil enforcement by the Director of the Sacramento County EMD or his or her designees of any provision of this Chapter under this Article shall be governed by and conducted pursuant to Chapter 15.12 of the Sacramento County Code.

c. Sacramento County may establish and collect from commercial and industrial facilities located within the City such fees as may be necessary to cover the actual costs incurred by Sacramento County to include these facilities in its commercial and industrial compliance program, provided that the fees are established and collected in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement and all applicable legal requirements.

d. The delegation of authority to Sacramento County under this Article is limited to only that required by the March 17, 2004 Agreement, as may be necessary to allow the Director of the County EMD to track, inspect, and ensure compliance with the City's stormwater ordinance at commercial and industrial facilities as required under the municipal stormwater permit. *(COEG 26-2004, Eff. 8-16-04)*

15.12.630 Expiration of This Article.

The provisions of this Article 7 shall remain in effect only to the extent that the March 17, 2004 Agreement between the City and County EMD, or any successor agreement, remains in effect. Upon expiration of the Agreement, or any successor agreement, the provisions of this Article shall expire. *(COEG 26-2004, Eff. 8-16-04)*

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LAND GRADING AND EROSION CONTROL

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16.44.010 PURPOSE. It is the intent of the Board of Supervisors in enacting this Chapter to minimize damage to surrounding properties and public rights-of-way, the degradation of the water quality of watercourses, and the disruption of natural or County authorized drainage flows caused by the activities of clearing and grubbing, grading, filling and excavating of land, and sediment and pollutant runoff from other construction related activities, and to comply with the provisions of the County's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit Number, CA0082597, issued by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board).

These goals will be achieved by establishing administrative procedures, minimum standards of review, and implementation and enforcement procedures for controlling erosion, sedimentation and other pollutant runoff, including construction debris and hazardous substances used on construction sites, and the disruption of existing drainage and related environmental damage caused by the aforementioned activities.

16.44.020 DEFINITIONS. As used in this Chapter, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings given in this section:

(1) "Administrator" means the Administrator of the Public Works Agency of Sacramento County or his or her designated representative(s).

(2) "Applicant" means any person who submits an application for a permit pursuant to this Chapter.

(3) "Civil engineer" means a professional engineer in the branch of civil engineering holding a valid certificate of registration issued by the State of California.

(4) "Clearing and grubbing" means moving or removing by manual or mechanical means trees, vegetation and/or the top four (4) inches or greater of soil.

(5) "Compaction" means the act of compacting or consolidating soil and rock material to a specified density, and the resulting compacted state of the material.

(6) "Construction site" means any land area on which the activity of clearing and grubbing, grading, excavating, or filling is occurring.

(7) "County" is the County of Sacramento.

(8) "County Specifications" means the County Improvement Standards, County Standard Construction Specifications and other standards included in applicable County ordinances, regulations and manuals, as amended from time to time.

(9) "Engineering geology" means the application of geologic knowledge and principles in the investigation and evaluation of naturally occurring rock and soil for use in the design of civil works.

(10) "Environmental Coordinator" is the County official designated by the County Executive to prepare and process environmental documents.

(11) "Erosion" means the transport of the ground surface or soil as a result of the movement of wind or water.

(12) "Erosion control measures" means seeding, mulching, vegetative buffer strips, sod, plastic covering, burlap covering, watering and other measures which control the movement of the ground surface or soil.

(13) "Grade" is the elevation of the ground surface as measured from a known vertical control.

(14) "Grading" includes the act or result of digging, excavating, transporting, spreading, depositing, filling, compacting, settling, or shaping of land surfaces and slopes, and other operations performed by or controlled by human activity involving the physical movement of rock or soil.

(15) "Hazardous Substances" means those materials listed in Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations (40 CFR) Part 117 and/or 40 CFR Part 302.

(16) "National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)" means the national program for issuing, modifying, revoking and reissuing, terminating, monitoring and enforcing permits, and imposing and enforcing pretreatment requirements, under sections 307, 402, 318, and 405 of the Clean Water Act.

(17) "Permittee" means the applicant in whose name a valid permit is issued pursuant to this Chapter and the applicant's agents, employees and designated representative(s).

(18) "Person" means any individual, corporation, partnership, association of any type, public agency or any other legal entity.

(19) "Pollutants" is as defined in Title 40 CFR Part 122.

(20) "Runoff" is surface runoff and drainage related to storm events, snow melt, street washwaters related to street cleaning or maintenance and other waters associated with the construction activity which are or may be introduced into the municipal separate storm sewer system.

(21) "Sediment" means soil or earth material deposited by water.

(22) "Sediment control measures" means dikes, sediment detention traps, sediment detention basins, filters, fences, barriers, swales, berms, drains, check dams, and other measures which control the deposit of soil or earth material.

(23) "Site" means a parcel or parcels of real property owned by one or more than one person on which activity regulated by this Chapter is occurring or is proposed to occur.

(24) "Slope" is an inclined ground surface the inclination of which is expressed as a percent.

(25) "Structure" means anything constructed or erected which requires location on the ground or attached to something having location on the ground.

(26) "Watercourse" means a river, stream, creek, basin, lake, pond, waterway, or channel, natural or man-made, having a defined bed and banks. Whenever a watercourse consists of an ordinary channel, and in addition thereto, an overflow channel, the watercourse shall be deemed to include all property lying between the banks of the overflow channel.

(27) "Wetlands" means those areas that are inundated or saturated by surface or

ground water at a frequency sufficient to support, and that under normal circumstances do support, a prevalence of vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions, such as swamps, bogs and marshes.

16.44.030 DELEGATION. Whenever in this Chapter an authority or power is vested in or a duty is imposed upon an officer or official, an employee subordinate to the officer or official to whom an appropriate delegation has been made shall be entitled to exercise the power or authority and perform the duty.

16.44.040 ADMINISTRATION. Except as otherwise provided, the Administrator is responsible for administering this Chapter and Grading and Erosion Control Permits, and is authorized from time to time to promulgate and enforce rules or regulations consistent with and necessary to implement the purposes, intent and express terms of this Chapter.

Any rules or regulations promulgated by the Administrator, or amendments thereof, shall be filed with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors. The Clerk shall cause said rules or regulations to be published in a newspaper of general circulation within ten calendar days. No rules or regulations promulgated by the Administrator, or amendments thereof, shall be enforced or become effective until thirty (30) calendar days following the date on which the rules or regulations are published. Any person shall have fifteen (15) days after the date of publication in which to file an appeal in accordance with the provisions of Section 16.44.300.

16.44.050 PERMITS REQUIRED. Except as provided by Sections 16.44.060, 16.44.065 or 16.44.070, a Grading and Erosion Control Permit shall be required to (1) grade, fill, excavate, store or dispose of 350 cubic yards or more of soil or earthly material or (2) clear and grub 1 acre or greater of land within the unincorporated area of the county.

A separate permit is required for work on each site unless sites are contiguous, have the same ownership, and are included in the approved plan. Any determination by the Administrator as to whether a permit is required may be appealed pursuant to the provisions of Section 16.44.300.

16.44.060 PERMITS NOT REQUIRED. (A) A Grading and Erosion Control Permit shall not be required to (1) grade, fill, excavate, store or dispose of less than 350 cubic yards of soil or earthly material or (2) clear and grub less than 1 acre of land within the unincorporated area of the county or (3) for the grading, filling, excavating, storing, disposing, or clearing and grubbing for:

- (a) Swimming pools, basements, or footings of structures if authorized by a valid building permit;
- (b) Underground utilities;
- (c) Mining or quarry operations, if a use permit has been granted by the County.
- (d) Refuse disposal sites operated by a governmental agency;

(e) The production of planted agricultural crops;

(B) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (A) hereof exempting specified activities from the otherwise applicable permit requirements, the activities described in subsection (A) shall be subject to the standards and requirements of this Chapter. Any building permit issued in connection with the activities described in subsection (A) or in connection with any building permit issued for a single family residence on an individual lot may be conditioned on compliance with the standards and requirements of this Chapter. Any inspections required pursuant to this Chapter or any other Chapter of Title 16 of the Sacramento County Code shall include a determination of compliance with the purpose of this Chapter.

16.44.065 EXEMPTIONS. A Grading and Erosion Control Permit shall not be required for, and the provisions of this Chapter shall not apply to, grading, filling, excavating, storing, disposing, or clearing and grubbing for situations where, in the determination of the Administrator, there is a clear and imminent danger to life or property, or threat of loss of services for which there is an overriding public concern. The Administrator may, at the time of granting such exemption, impose conditions in accordance with Section 16.44.170, including but not limited to, the requirement for the posting of security. Such exemption must be requested from the Administrator and approved in writing prior to the commencement of any activity regulated by this Chapter.

16.44.070 IMPROVEMENT PLANS. Where an improvement plan is being processed in conjunction with either an approved tentative, parcel, or final map; or a development plan is being processed in accordance with the provisions of Title 12 of this code, such plan shall also be considered as a request to undertake those activities regulated by this Chapter. Such plans shall be reviewed and approved, conditionally approved or denied in accordance with the standards and requirements set forth in this chapter and other applicable county specifications. For an approved tentative, parcel, or final map, or development plan; any submitted improvement plans shall include provisions to require compliance with the standards and requirements of this Chapter. If an improvement plan is approved, then a Grading and Erosion Control Permit shall not be required.

16.44.080 APPLICATION CONTENTS. The application for a Grading and Erosion Control Permit shall be filed in the Office of the Administrator, and on a form and submitted with such information as is prescribed by the Administrator, including the following:

(A) The name, address and telephone number of the applicant and the applicant's engineer;

(B) The address and parcel number of the location for which the permit is sought;

(C) A copy of all entitlements granted for the property by the County, including conditions of approval and the environmental documentation;

(D) A copy of all required state and federal permits;

- (E) Plans conforming with the requirements of Section 16.44.090;
- (F) Specifications conforming with the requirements of Section 16.44.100, if the Administrator expressly requires this information;
- (G) Security conforming with the requirements of Section 16.44.110;
- (H) Right of Entry conforming with the requirements of Section 16.44.120;
- (I) Fees conforming with the requirements of Section 16.44.130;
- (J) Other information as may be required by the Administrator.

16.44.090 PLANS. Plans shall be prepared by a civil engineer in conformance with County Specifications and shall include the following:

- (A) A vicinity map indicating the site location and significant geographic features;
- (B) A site delineation map indicating boundary lines of the property and each lot or parcel into which the site is proposed to be divided;
- (C) The location of on-site and surrounding watercourses and wetlands, existing and proposed drainage systems, and drainage area boundaries and acreages. Additional hydrologic analysis shall be provided as required by the Administrator;
- (D) The location of existing and proposed roads and structures on the site, and on adjacent property;
- (E) Accurate contours at two foot intervals for slopes up to ten percent and five foot intervals for slopes over ten percent showing topography of existing ground and locations of existing vegetation, including all oak trees, all other trees over six inches in diameter measured at four and one-half feet above the ground, groves of trees, and natural features such as rock outcroppings. Spot elevations will be required where relatively flat conditions exist. The spot elevations or contour lines shall be extended off-site for a minimum distance of fifty (50) feet, or one hundred (100) feet in flat terrain;
- (F) Elevations, location, extent and slope of all proposed grading shown by contours, cross-sections or other means, and location of any disposal areas, fills or other special features to be included in the work;
- (G) A statement of the quantity of material to be excavated, the quantity of material to be filled, whether such excavation or fill is permanent or temporary, and the amount of such material to be imported to or exported from the site;
- (H) A delineation of the area to be cleared and grubbed;
- (I) A statement of the estimated starting date, grading completion date, and when site improvements will be completed;
- (J) The location, implementation schedule, and maintenance schedule of all erosion control measures and sediment control measures to be implemented or constructed prior to, during or after the proposed activity;
- (K) A description of measures designed to control dust and stabilize the construction site road and entrance;
- (L) A description of the location and methods of storage and disposal of construction materials;
- (M) Any additional plans required by the Administrator.

16.44.100 SPECIFICATIONS. When required by the Administrator, the following information shall be prepared and signed by a civil engineer, and submitted with the application for a Grading and Erosion Control Permit:

- (A) Preparation of natural ground to occur prior to placement of fill, including provisions for removal of organic or deleterious materials;
- (B) Quality control of native or imported fill material;
- (C) Degree of compaction;
- (D) Gradient of cut and fill slopes;
- (E) Geotechnical engineering or engineering geology reports used in the development of the above information.

16.44.110 SECURITY. (A) Prior to issuance of the permit, the applicant shall provide security in an amount estimated by the Administrator to be the cost for stabilizing the activity site if the site is abandoned or work is stopped during the performance of the activity described in the permit. The security shall be one of the following, subject to the approval of the Administrator;

- (1) Bond or bonds by one or more duly authorized corporate sureties.
 - (2) A deposit, either with the County or a responsible escrow agent or trust company, at the option of the County, of money or negotiable bonds of the kind approved for securing deposits of public moneys.
 - (3) An instrument of credit from an agency of the state, federal or local government when an agency of the state, federal, or local government provides at least 20 percent of the financing for the project, or from one or more financial institutions subject to regulation by the state or federal government and pledging that the funds necessary are on deposit and guaranteed for payment, or a letter of credit by such financial institution.
- (B) The security shall be released to the permittee upon either:
- (1) Issuance of a certificate of completion, provided no administrative or legal action against such security has been commenced prior to that date and the permittee has complied with the provisions of Section 16.44.260; or
 - (2) Voluntary relinquishment of the permit by the holder thereof to the County, provided no administrative or legal action against such security has been commenced prior to that date and the permittee has complied with the provisions of Section 16.44.250.

16.44.120 RIGHT OF ENTRY. Whenever any portion of the work requires entry onto adjacent property for any reason, the applicant shall obtain the written consent of the adjacent property owner or his authorized representative, and shall file a copy of said consent with the Administrator before a permit for such work may be issued.

16.44.130 PERMIT FEES. A fee shall be paid by the applicant to the County for plan checking and review, materials testing, site inspections, processing, issuance and other services performed by the Administrator in connection with the investigation of an

application for, and administration of, a Grading and Erosion Control Permit. The fees for these services shall be in the amount of the actual costs incurred by the County based on the hourly rate of the personnel performing the services, including all overhead costs, and as determined by the Accounting and Fiscal Services Section of the Public Works Agency.

A minimum deposit of seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750) shall be paid by the applicant at the time of and with the filing of the application with the Administrator. In the event the accrued costs exceed the initial deposit, the County shall submit a monthly bill to the applicant for the amount owing as of the date on the bill. Interest of one and one-half percent (1-1/2%) per billing period (28 day cycle) compounded each billing period shall be added to the unpaid balance due to any amount which has not been paid in full within twenty-eight (28) days from the date on the bill.

The Administrator shall not perform any services for an applicant if an amount owing is not paid within twenty-eight (28) days, until such time that all amounts owing and interest thereon is paid in full. The balance of fees owing shall be paid in full prior to final inspection. In the event the actual costs do not exceed the minimum deposit amount, the County shall reimburse the applicant the difference between the deposit amount and the actual total charges.

16.44.140 ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW. Grading and erosion control permits, and amendments thereto, are subject to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The applicant shall furnish a copy of the application to the Environmental Coordinator for preparation and processing of the appropriate environmental documents. The Administrator is authorized to hold public hearings on Negative Declarations, Draft Environmental Impact Reports and Final Environmental Impact Reports prepared on applications for Grading and Erosion Control Permits, for the purposes of receiving comments from the public. The Administrator shall not approve a Grading and Erosion Control Permit prior to considering the applicable environmental document and complying with the requirements of CEQA and the County Procedures for Preparation and Processing of Environmental Documents.

16.44.150 APPLICATION REVIEW. The Administrator shall review and approve, conditionally approve or deny Grading and Erosion Control Permit applications and improvement plans in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter. Grading and Erosion Control Permit applications and improvement plans shall be issued or approved unless the Administrator finds in writing that:

(A) The applicant has failed to provide sufficient or adequate plans, information or other data necessary to allow determinations respecting compliance with the provisions of this Chapter or County Specifications;

(B) The environmental review has not been completed, other provisions of this code or of state law pertaining to environmental review have not been satisfied, or the activity will have significant adverse environmental impacts which cannot be substantially mitigated. Where the activity will have significant adverse impacts, the Administrator may approve the

permit in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter, Title 20, and the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970;

(C) The proposed activity will violate provisions of this Chapter, County Specifications, or state or federal laws, and such violation cannot be resolved by the imposition of conditions pursuant to Section 16.44.170.

(D) The proposed activity will adversely affect surrounding properties and public rights-of-way, the water quality of watercourses, and existing drainage.

16.44.160 CONTENTS OF PERMIT. The Grading and Erosion Control Permit shall include but not be limited to a complete description of the activity for which it is issued, the property for which it is issued, the date of issuance and the date of expiration, and a description of any and all conditions upon which the permit has been issued. The permit shall be kept at the site during the activity for which the permit was issued. A Grading and Erosion Control Permit authorizes the permittee to undertake only that activity described in the permit and only on the property for which the permit is issued.

16.44.170 CONDITIONS. The Administrator may at the time of issuance of the Grading and Erosion Control Permit impose such conditions as are necessary to ensure compliance with this Chapter, County Specifications, or state or federal laws. Such conditions shall be reasonably related to the public needs created by the proposed activity. Conditions to mitigate environmental impacts of the activity may also be imposed by the Administrator.

16.44.180 PROCEDURE FOR IMPOSITION. Any condition imposed pursuant to the provisions of Section 16.44.170 shall be embodied, together with the reasons therefor, in the permit and served upon the applicant or permittee.

16.44.190 TERM. A Grading and Erosion Control Permit shall be effective on the date of issuance, and shall remain in force for one year, unless suspended or revoked by the Administrator, or voluntarily relinquished by the permittee. Before the expiration of a permit, a permittee may apply for an extension of time in which to complete the activity. One extension of not more than one year may be granted by the Administrator.

16.44.200 TRANSFERABILITY. A Grading and Erosion Control Permit shall not be transferable or assignable from one person to another, unless approved by the Administrator and the person to whom the permit is to be transferred agrees to comply with the requirements of the original permit and to any conditions imposed therein.

16.44.210 DENIAL OF PERMIT. The Administrator shall deny an application for a Grading and Erosion Control Permit if any of the findings in Section 16.44.150 are made. Notice shall be served on the applicant, in writing with the reasons stated therefor, pursuant to the provisions of Section 16.44.340.

16.44.220 AMENDMENT OF PERMIT. Any proposed changes in the activity authorized by the permit shall be submitted to the Administrator for review. The permittee shall not undertake or allow activity to occur which does not conform with the plans or conditions of the original permit, unless approved by the Administrator. The Administrator shall review any proposed changes in the same manner and pursuant to the same standards as the original application.

16.44.230 REQUEST FOR INSPECTION. Requests for inspection of any site subject to the provisions of this Chapter shall be made to the Administrator at the following phases of activity. Such a request shall be made at least two full business days in advance of the desired day of inspection.

(A) When the site has been cleared of vegetation and unapproved fill, and scarified, benched, or otherwise prepared and before any fill is placed; and the erosion control and sediment control measures to be implemented in this phase have been placed;

(B) When approximate final elevations have been established; drainage terraces, swales and other drainage devices have been graded and are ready for paving; berms have been installed at the top of slopes; and the erosion control and sediment control measures to be implemented in this phase have been placed;

(C) When work has been completed; slope planting established and irrigation systems installed, if required; and the erosion control and sediment control measures to be implemented in this phase have been placed.

The Administrator, upon inspection of the site, shall notify the person or permittee (1) that the phase of work inspected is approved, or (2) what deficiencies, corrections or other work needs to be completed before approval of that phase.

16.44.240 REPORTS. Notification to the Administrator shall be required within twenty-four (24) hours following the failure of authorized measures to prevent erosion or sediment from leaving the construction site; the deposit of debris or material on adjoining property or public rights-of-way, or; the interference with any existing watercourses or drainage facilities.

16.44.250 CESSATION OF WORK. If activity is ceased on site for any reason for a period in excess of fifteen (15) calendar days, and before the activity being conducted under the permit is completed, all necessary steps shall be taken to prevent damage through erosion or sedimentation to adjoining properties or to the public rights-of-way or to any natural or artificial drainage facilities or watercourses. The premises shall also be graded to blend into the adjacent terrain. The Administrator shall be notified as soon as possible, but no later than fifteen (15) calendar days, after the cessation of work.

16.44.260 COMPLETION OF WORK. After completion of work in accordance with and conforming with an approved permit and delivery to the County of record plans and a

grading plan as finally implemented, and payment of all fees, the Administrator shall issue a certificate of completion.

16.44.270 INSPECTION. The Administrator may enter and inspect property for which a Grading and Erosion Control Permit has been applied to determine applicability or compliance with this Chapter and County Specifications. The Administrator may also inspect any and all property on which grading, filling, clearing and grubbing or excavating activities are occurring.

16.44.280 GROUNDS FOR SUSPENSION AND REVOCATION. A Grading and Erosion Control Permit may be suspended if:

(A) The physical state of the property differs from the descriptions, plans or information furnished to the Administrator in the permit application;

(B) The activity does not conform to the approved plans, grades, conditions or terms of the permit;

(C) The activity is in violation of this Chapter, County Specifications, or state or federal laws;

(D) Any reports required to be submitted to the Administrator have not been submitted; or,

(E) Any of the information contained in reports submitted to the Administrator is in error.

16.44.290 METHOD OF SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION. The Administrator may suspend or revoke a Grading and Erosion Control Permit by issuing a notice of suspension or revocation, stating the reasons therefor, and serving same, upon the permittee. Upon suspension or revocation of a permit, in accordance with the provisions of this Section, the permittee shall immediately cause all grading, filling, excavating, storing, disposing or clearing and grubbing to cease until written authorization is received from the Administrator to proceed with the activity.

The permittee shall have fifteen (15) calendar days after the date of service of the suspension or revocation in which to file an appeal in accordance with the provisions of Section 16.44.300. If such an appeal is filed, the suspension or revocation shall remain in force and be effective until a final decision on the appeal is issued by the Board of Supervisors.

If the Administrator suspends a permit, such permit may either be reinstated or revoked by the Administrator, depending upon whether the permittee corrects the grounds stated for the suspension in the notice issued by the Administrator. If the permittee fails to remedy

the grounds for suspension within a time period specified by the Administrator, but in no event later than sixty (60) calendar days, the Administrator shall revoke the permit.

16.44.300 APPEALS. If the applicant for a Grading and Erosion Control Permit, the

permittee, or other persons whose property rights may be affected is dissatisfied with any determination made by the Administrator, such person may appeal to the Board of Supervisors. Any such appeal shall be in writing, shall state the specific reasons therefor and grounds asserted for relief, and shall be filed with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors not later than fifteen (15) calendar days after the date of the action being appealed. If an appeal is not filed within the time or in the manner prescribed above, the right to review of the action against which the complaint is made shall be deemed to have been waived.

16.44.310 APPEAL FEE. The Board of Supervisors shall by resolution adopt and, from time to time, amend a fee for the filing of appeals. Such fee shall be for the sole purpose of defraying costs incurred for the administration of appeals. The fee for an appeal shall be paid at the time of and with the filing of an appeal. No appeal shall be deemed valid unless the prescribed fee has been paid.

16.44.320 APPEAL HEARINGS. After the filing of an appeal within the time and in the manner prescribed by Section 16.44.300, the Board of Supervisors shall conduct a hearing for the purpose of determining whether the appeal should be granted. Written notice of the time, date and place of the hearing shall be served upon the Administrator and the appellant not later than ten days preceding the date of the hearing.

16.44.330 ACTIONS ON APPEALS. The Board of Supervisors shall review the entire proceeding or proceedings relating to the act or decision being appealed, de novo, and may make any order it deems just and equitable, including the granting of a Grading and Erosion Control Permit. Any hearing may be continued from time to time.

At the conclusion of the hearing, the Board of Supervisors shall prepare a written decision which either grants or denies the appeal, and contains findings of fact and conclusions. The written decision, including a copy thereof, shall be filed with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors. The Clerk shall serve such decision on the applicant or permittee and the Administrator. The decision of the Board of Supervisors shall become final upon the date of filing and service with respect to any appeal.

16.44.340 NOTICES. Any notice authorized or required by this Chapter shall be deemed to have been filed, served and effective for all purposes on the date when it is personally delivered in writing to the party to whom it is directed or deposited in the United States mail, first class postage prepaid, and addressed to the party to whom it is directed.

Whenever a provision in this Chapter requires a public hearing to be conducted, notice of the time, date, place and purpose of the hearing shall be published at least once not later than ten (10) calendar days in advance of the date of commencement of the hearing in a newspaper of general circulation which is published within the County. The same type of notice shall also be served on each permittee whose permit may be affected by the action taken at the conclusion of the hearing.

16.44.350 ACTION AGAINST AND RELEASE OF SECURITY. The Administrator may commence action against the security provided by a permittee if:

(A) The permittee ceases activities on site prior to completion of work without complying with the provisions of Section 16.44.250;

(B) The permittee fails to comply with the terms of the permit;

(C) The activity has caused or is threatening to cause damage or injury to persons, property or the environment.

The monies so obtained shall be used solely to finance remedial work undertaken by the County or a private contractor under contract to the County, and to reimburse the County for any administrative costs and expenses incurred in remedying the situation, including attorneys fees and legal costs incurred in any necessary action to obtain the security.

16.44.360 VIOLATIONS. Except as otherwise specifically provided, pursuant to the provisions of Government Code Section 25132, violation of any of the provisions contained in this Chapter shall constitute an infraction subject to a fine of one hundred (100) dollars for each day or any portion thereof a violation continues.

Violation of any of the provisions of this Chapter following notice to the permittee by the Administrator advising of the violation and ordering a cessation thereof, shall pursuant to the provisions of Section 1.01.190 contained in Title 1 of this Code, constitute a misdemeanor.

Violation of any of the provisions of this Chapter may be remedied by injunction or other civil proceeding commenced in the name of the County pursuant to direction by the Board of Supervisors.

16.44.370 LAWS NOT ENFORCED. There are many ordinances and other laws applicable to activities permitted under this Chapter which are not sought to be enforced under this permitting process. Such laws include, but are not limited to, building, floodplain management, and land development measures. The issuance of a Grading and Erosion Control Permit shall not be deemed to constitute a representation that the activity so permitted or the property upon which such activity is occurring complies with such other ordinances or other laws. Nor shall the existence of such an unrevoked permit be deemed to preclude any criminal or civil remedy for violation of such other ordinances or laws. The possession of a Grading and Erosion Control Permit shall not be deemed to relieve the holder of the requirement to apply for or obtain any other license or permit required by ordinance or statute.